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1. THIS PARA BASED ON 2 MARCH CONVERSATION BETWEEN CONSOFF AND ERITREAN BUSINESS MAN, WHOSE REPORTING RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN. SOURCE REPORTS THAT EAF USING NAPALM AROUND KEREN, AND THAT ISSAIAS AFEWORK, PLF LEADER, PLANS PROTEST TO U.N. SOURCE ADDS THAT ELF HAS REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS OFFERED BY
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PRES NIMEIRY THIS PAST WEEKEND, UNTIL EPMG RECOGNIZES ELF.

SOURCE REPEATED STORY FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT ELF RECENTLY DESTROYED CULVERT ON ASMARA-MASSAWA ROAD NEAR MASSAWA. DURING CONVERSATION UNARMED ERITREAN MOTORCYCLE POLICEMAN STOPPED TO TALK TO SOURCE. AFTER POLICEMAN LEFT SOURCE SAID HE WAS TOLD THAT ERITREAN COMMANDO POLICE (CP) HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO HARRAR OR HAD DEFECTED TO ELF INSTEAD OF ACCEPTING TRANSFER. HE ADDED THAT REMAINING ERITREAN POLICEMEN HAVE BEEN DISARMED. COMMENT: MANY CP HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ASMARA FROM OTHER PROVINCES, SO IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE CASUAL OBSERVER TO IDENTIFY BY REGION THOSE ARMED CP.

2. ACCORDING TO AN ENGINEER FROM ASMARA MUNICIPALITY, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASMARA WATER SUPPLY, SEDAO WILL HAVE THE POWER LINE, BROKEN BETWEEN GHINDA AND AILET, REPAIRED THIS AFTERNOON. THIS WILL ALSO ACTIVATE THE PUMPS FOR THE ASMARA WATER SUPPLY. HE REPLIED THAT THERE IS NO BROKEN FLUME.

3. A CONGEN EMPLOYEE REPORTS SEEING 4 TRUCKS OF TROOPS HEADED IN DIRECTION OF KEREN THIS MORNING. THIS MAY BE PART OF MUCH LARGER TROOP CONVOY RUMORED TO BE HEADED TO KEREN. ANOTHER EMPLOYEE REPORTS THAT TWO BRIDGES ARE OUT ON KEREN- ASMARA ROAD. SAME SOURCE REPORTS THAT 26 TRUCKS BRINGING DURA FROM WESTERN LOWLANDS, WERE STOPPED BY BROKEN BRIDGES AND DRIVERS DISTRIBUTED GRAIN TO VILLAGERS. THESE REPORTS ARE NOT CONFIRMED. CONGEN ALSO HAS REPORTS THAT VILLAGERS ARE NOT PLANTING VEGETABLES AND THAT A SHORTAGE IS EXPECTED IN ASMARA BY END OF MONTH. ARMY TROOPS ARE STRONG COMPETITORS IN THE DWINDLING LOCAL FOOD MARKET.
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